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Rick Riordan says

Ah, yes. Nothing like an astrophysics book for beginners to remind me why I'm not an astrophysicist! Even at the basic level, with Tyson's clear, funny and accessible writing, I found a lot of these concepts WAY over my head. Nevertheless, it is fascinating stuff. My big takeaway was humility: just how small humans are in the grand scheme of things, and there is something freeing about that. It reminded me of a fake headline on The Onion news satire site that made me chuckle: Obama Reassures Americans: 'The future, and I'm talking three billion years from now, is still bright.'

The amount we don't know about the universe is staggering. Dark matter, dark energy . . . how can we be completely unaware of forces that make up the bulk of our universe? But also, how amazing is it that we can find this stuff out from our little speck of a planet in the suburbs of Nowheresville, Milky Way Galaxy? This is a short book, perfect, as the title says, for people in a hurry. If you would like your mind exploded by science, and get a few chuckles out of the deal, check it out!

Jessica Rodrigues says

Imagine you are standing with your face up and your mouth wide open underneath a waterfall of Skittles.

At first, a few Skittles get into your mouth and you can taste them. Awesome, you think. I love Skittles.

Then, the Skittles become overwhelming, as more and more try to force themselves in, and millions and millions puddle around your feet, piling up past your knees.

That's kind of how this was.

I'm all about learning new things, but there were SO MANY FACTS IN SUCH A SMALL SPAN. By the time I hit page twenty, I realized I was mentally absent as my eyes and mind processed words but failed to commit those words to actual thought.

I wanted to love this book. I want you to love this book.

Alas, I just felt overwhelmed.

I recommend this book, but read it slowly and in small sittings. As a person in a hurry, I tried to plow through it all at once and became lost.

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Miranda Reads says

We are stardust brought to life, then empowered by the universe to figure itself out—and we have only just begun.

Neil deGrasse Tyson, within 224 pages, attempts to cover the entirety space and time.

He does a pretty good job.

However, **this is not *Astrophysics for Dummies***. There are assumptions made for the audience - you do need a bit of a working knowledge on particles and space to fully understand the significance of the text.

That being said, **I could still (mostly) follow along** even in the areas where I knew little to nothing about.

This is somewhat similar to Bill Bryson's *A Short History of Nearly Everything* but with less emphasis on human accomplishments.

Like Bryson, Neil deGrasse Tyson provides **great analogies** when he explains the creation (and subsequent formation) of the universe. If we combine both books, it feels like we get a *Short History of Everything*.

However...he does **waste page space** needling his audience about religion, which I could've definitely done without in such a compact book. (It felt rather distasteful).

I really liked how Tyson could **break down complex topics**.

Matter tells space how to curve; space tells matter how to move.

And how he was able to **inject humor** in such dry matter.

The power and beauty of physical laws is that they apply everywhere, whether or not you choose to believe in them.

I would like a sequel called *Astrophysics for People with Time on their Hands* - just to see what else is out there!

The universe is under no obligation to make sense to you.

Audiobook Comments

Read by the author - and was a joy to listen to!

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